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President's Message August, 2007:

I hope the year finds you all well and enjoying the hobby!!

I still do not have much to report since my last message. Keeping in touch with what's going on with my fellow numismatists, I have been going to some club meetings for different activities from "Hot Dog Night to "Steak Night", "Auctions to Bingo" and "Picnics to BBQs, you just never know what Coin Clubs have in store for their members. With some great programs from how to protect your collection for your heirs to learning how to grade and learning how coinage got started.

I have also been attending some Coin Club Shows, in May there was the Vallejo Numismatic Society Coin Show of which I am President and Bourse Chairman, so it was an all day affair, June found me at the Alameda Coin Club Show and August at the Fremont Coin Club Show. In September you'll find me at the Fairfield Coin Club Show where I have been asked to take over as Bourse Chairman, so this will be another all day affair.

You just can't beat the good times, with all that good food and the friendship of my fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby.

Well I'm looking forward to the rest of 2007 and hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions.

As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry

Harry W. Davis,
President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

As some readers known, in a faulted fate and through a serpentine series of events and happenings, I served for seventy-five days as a Governor for the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

For my seventy-five days, I received a free banquet ticket to the ANA's 'World's Fair of Money' Annual Awards Banquet---*after paying for my ticket which was passed to my dear Canadian coin activist friend, Daniel W. Gosling, of Sherwood Estates, Alberta, Canada*---and a nice suite room during the 'World's Fair of Money'. Not-To-Bad For Seventy-Five Days!

As for any other 'perks' and privileges, I have yet to submit any request for reimbursements: my allocated per diem or whatever. What I do submit to NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers are these points, at no charge!

My service was short, and could be said even sweet. I accomplished little, and offer so much; but, on a far more important plane, I learned. LEARN.

First, *Our Hobby*---'this world of money'---*Is A Continuum*. As there were coin hobbyists yesterday, with coin hobbyists today, there shall be coin hobbyists tomorrow. The coin hobby does not exist in a vacuum of place or even time. The hobby---'our world of money'---is universal and perpetual. My short service confirmed this.

Second, *Governing Bodies Must Make Decisions*. When I first became involved within organized numismatics back on August 7, 1972, I wonder about the local Vallejo Numismatic Society's Board of Directors. It seemed to do actions that I, and others, did not like, or it seemed remote. There were suspicions. Now, coupled with decades of experience, I learned that the function of governing authorities is TO LEAD.

You elect those to serve you, and you empower them to direct the fate and future of the organization. You reserve always the right to reject and to refuse reelection. *It Is Called Democracy*.

The Board of Governors that I contributed such a short service had a vision---*which ANA Members might not like*---and goals---*which ANA Members may not enjoy*---and dreams---*which ANA Members did not share*---but they were elected by those ANA Members TO LEAD. Again, *It Is Called Democracy*.

Third, *Legacy*. Not much of a word, and in my case, not much of an achievement. Yet, my seventy-five days taught me that in any venture and vocation, one should have a sense of what TO LEAVE. LEGACY.

Now that I progress into the next decades of my coin hobby and my impending retirement, LEGACY has become something more engrained in my thoughts and with my actions. Being an ANA Governor and working with Governors who believed such, what I leave is as important as to what I have done.

Not much you might say; however, I remain, forever, honored and humbled to be called into service for what remains the preeminent numismatic organization on this globe.

Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope!

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini, F.C.N.A.
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2008 Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show

As this September 2007 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared, a *tentative* date and site for the Association's 2008 Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show is being anticipated. It is **Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, 2008** again returning to the **Fremont (California) Elks Lodge #2121**, with the Fremont Coin Club as the host club.

However, since no contract has been signed and a rental deposit placed, this must be considered *tentative*. While this is tentative plus more specifics and details would be announced in the January 2008 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, NCNAers may contact President Harry W. Davis, at 707-246-0216 for updates.

The Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show would pattern after prior Nor-Cals in Fremont, California. Since the Show is restricted by the limited size and room availability, there would be a diverse and dynamic bourse, Youth Table with 'Treasure Hunt' or 'SQS', 'State Quarter Search', Error Table, and maybe exhibits, along with a Show Drawing (raffle).

The Bourse Coordinator would continue with Vincent O. Lacariere, dba 'Fremont Coin Gallery'. As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared, Bourse Applications are pending. In the meantime, potential coin dealers may contact him at coinvince@aol.com or 510-791-1511.

Error and Omission

In the prior May 2007 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, Your Editor----*maybe a sign of advancing 'old age' with memory lost!*----forgot to note that our 2007 Nor-Cal VII Coin Show for its two-days had **Dr. Walter A. Ostromiecki, Jr.**, from Encino, California, and his famous and highly-received 'Youth Table' and 'Treasure Hunt', always an avid attraction and popular presence. *Oops! Me Bad!*

Dr. Ostromiecki provided his support and enthusiasm without charge to our Association, and NCNA hopes that he shall return in 2008.

Sorry, Dr. O! Hundred Thousand Lashes With A Wet Noodle!

2007 Miller Medal

Two nominations have been received and reviewed by the Board of Directors, while a vote has yet to be taken and tabulated. Due to the pressing personal demands burdening our Secretary Fred G. van den Haak, who is refurbishing and possibly selling his home, and other obligations placed upon the Directors, there has been a delay in the selection/voting process.

President Harry W. Davis regrets this delay, and the entire Board of Directors apologizes to the nominators for this delay. Patience is asked. The objective remains to select and to present *before* the year's end. As one of the major accomplishments by and of NCNA, '*The Miller Medal*' has not been taken lightly by the current and prior Board of Directors. Needless to say, selection and appropriate announcement would be in the January 2008 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as well as a new updated roster of the honorees to date.

Nominations for the 2008 calendar year would be called for in January 2008.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this issue is being prepared, no firm date or specific venue has been set and scheduled; however, in reviewing prior practice, the Board of Directors has, in the past, gathered during the Peninsula (Palo Alto, California) Coin Club's annual show. If this continues, the next tentative Board of Directors' gathering would be Sunday, November 11, 2007, during the Twenty-Eighth (28th) Annual Coins and Collectibles Show sponsored by the Peninsula Coin Club at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose, California.. In the past, the gathering has been about 10:30 AM at the Show's 'Youth Table'.

For Club Delegates and others, as this has been past practice, it would be recommended that you contact President Harry W. Davis, in-advance, at 707-642-0216.

Note: The Association's Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 4.01 through 4.04, provide that every Member Club is entitled to send a voting Club Delegate.

Your Editor's Notices and Nonsense's

Taking advantage of doing this for over a quarter of a century and taking the fact that "I's the Editor", here are a couple of notices and nonsense's of whatever worth.

First, Retirement It is my intention to resign and to retire from teaching on Friday, June 6, 2008, ending my career of thirty-one (31) years, all at Will C .Wood, in Vacaville, California. *This Is My Intention, True.* Candidly, I still have to formally resign with specific date and submit my retirement papers to State Teachers' Retirement System (SRTS). *Those Have Yet To Be Done, True.*

Second, National Coordinator As some NCNAers have heard, on August 12, 2007, American Numismatic Association (ANA) President Barry S. Stuppler appointed me as the 'National Coordinator' overseeing the Association's Representative Program. I accepted the position, for two reasons: one being that it has been a life and hobby goal of mine, and two it is something that I have contributed in the past. To this end, all ANA Club Delegates and District Representatives are asked to contact me over the next weeks, and we can begin dialogue and communication. There is going to be an extended period of transition from ANA Vice-President Patricia Jagger-Finner, who served previously, onto my service. To contact me, write to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' and my emails remain, home, at EMPERORI@juno.com, and work, at stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us.

Third, Corresponding Secretary As some NCNAers and CSNAers already know or shall soon learn, last January 2007, in principle, I agreed to become the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) Corresponding Secretary. This decision was predicated upon my retirement, originally planned for this January 2008. Since CSNA needs to fill this position with the impending relocation of its current Corresponding Secretary, I was, and am, willing to serve. Of course, along with the aforementioned National Coordinator's position, my planned and now eagerly anticipated retirement opens much in time. As this position is a CSNA function, it is only mentioned here for reference and for record.

Fourth, Speaking I have a challenge before most any local northern California coin club and that is to 'top' and 'set the record' for the most----one hundred or over----actual samples and true suggestions in my program spin-off from Sam Deep's popular '101 Ways To Collect'. With my Spring 2008 much more open versus as in the past plus my planned retirement, in 2008, I would like to present this program and 'break' the current record, set at the Peninsula (Palo Alto, California) Coin Club last June 2007. Any local northern California coin club is welcomed to contact me and discuss some options and approaches to my presentation, with the intention to do in excess of one hundred or 'try-like-Hell' to do!

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

What's Up? First, for future NCNA HEADS AND TALES issues, names of local California coin club members being honored at any level, local, regional, state, or national, would be welcomed. One intention is to have these 'Branch Mint Reports' publicize those who rightly and justly have earned honors or recognitions. Second, listed at the end of each report is the known current editor for the coin club's respective periodical. If omitted or incorrect, please advise promptly. Contact Your Editor at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or email EMPERORI@juno.com.

Alameda Coin Club Your Assistant Editor was, at last, able to attend the ACC's July 3, 2007 meeting, and enjoyed its gathering, and the Mexican food, at Alameda's Juanita's. I shared a Show 'n Tell: "**Mike Turrini** brought a movie, 'White Heat'." Well, not the movie, a 1949 black-and-white Hollywood flick staring James Cagney, but a story about the movie. The June 24, 2007 ACC Show was success, and these members were acknowledged: **Gordon R. Donnell** and **Michael S. Turrini**, with the Youth Table, **Larry Bovo** and **Alan Cruiser**, with the show publicity, **Wendi Shock** and **Robert G. Sturn**, with the Registration Table, and **Lyle Okamoto**, **Larry Bovo**, **Larry Belt**, **Robert G. Sturn**, **Charles Call**, **Bette Barr**, **Tony Yu**, and **Sally Johnson**, with set up and clean up, plus **Donald R. Barsi**, as the Show and Bourse Coordinator. *Thanks To All!*

Editor: Robert G. Sturn, THE THICK AND THIN TIMES

California Exonumist Society Your Editor is also the Editor for the CES' quarterly MEDALLION, and in the recent July issue, reproduced where two articles by the *late Donald T. Thrall*. Information about the CES may contact at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Cupertino Coin Club *Is Alive!* After a long hiatus, the monthly CCC's COIN PRESS has resumed, under the editorship of **Lyle Okamoto**. The new COIN PRESS is electronic. **Lyle** acknowledged in the August electronic issue that he is "still recovering from all the goodies that we had at the Cupertino/San Jose Coin Club's Joint Picnic, last July 21, 2007, held in Cupertino's Las Palmas Park. Steaks, chicken, mahi-mahi, burgers, hot-dogs, chili, corn-on-the-cob, salads, chips, pies, cookies, ice cream, and more...oh my! A special thanks goes to Chief Cook **Jacob McCoy**, assisted by **Fred Davis** and **Keith Scott**. Not to be forgotten, are congratulations to our illustrious and industrious Picnic Coordinator **Al Lo**. Earlier the CCC, at its July 13, 2007 meeting held its 'Hot Dog Night': we all devoured our fill of wonderful Casper's hot-dogs, generously donated by **Ron Ikebe**." With regret, **Alan Douglass**, the CCC's Vice-President, due to health and relocation to Sparks, Nevada, resigned as the Club's Vice-President. **Alan** was quite active these past few years in several South Bay local coin clubs. Also quite active among the South Bay local coin clubs is **Gary Acquistapace**, who the CCC's Curator, while being "busy, busy, busy wearing so many hats"!

Editor: Lyle Okamoto, COIN PRESS.

Delta Coin Club Writes that its Annual Club Picnic, last July 29, 2007, again held in Micke Grove, Lodi, was a success: "**Tom Jackson** had a jar of Wheat Cents for the Juniors to guess the number, which was won by **Amanda Gilbeau**. The adult's jar, prepared by **Loris Enzminger**, contained exactly three hundred (300) Cents, and that was won by **Claudia Hickman** with a perfect guess of three hundred! Lots of fine food and enough left over that we could have had another meal! Yes, watermelon and ice cream plus all other goodies for dessert." **Dale Olson**, named 'Old Reliable', called the Bingo. In addition, there was the traditional Egg-Toss: "One step back, time and after time, to about thirty-five feet, we finally had a winner. What great tossers and catchers. Some even thought the eggs must have been boiled to have hit the ground without breaking!" A couple of DCC members have been called into 'Sick Bay': **Otto Lindskog** and **Jim Schmidt**. *Reminder:* The Club now meets on the 'FIRST and THIRD

Friday evenings at Eagles' Hall, 1492 Bourbon, off West Lane, in Stockton, California'. Note: Not only has the meeting location changes, after thirty-seven (37) years, the dates too: now First and Third Fridays. *Editor: Syd Kass, NEWSLETTER*

Diablo Numismatic Society Has been active. The DNS' May 17, 2007 heard **John Jencek**, with 'Collecting Ancient Coins', a well-received PowerPoint program. In addition, at this meeting then American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor **Dr. Donald H. Kagin** was present and promoted the ANA. The June 21, 2007 was a combination: 'Hot Dog Night' and **Alstair Skinner**, current President of the neighboring Fremont Coin Club, who "gave a wonderful one-hour presentation that also included a question-and-answer session about the Internet and buying and selling coins, which was quite informative and educational sparking many questions." Before Alstair's program, those present eat hot-dogs and salads, and later shared a nice carrot cake. The big recent event for the Society was its Annual Picnic, last July 22, 2007, held in the backyard of **Michael and Nancy-Jo Stanley**. The catered event attracted a large crowd for a nice Summer evening.

Editor: Steve McClure, DIABLO DIE BREAK

Fairfield Coin Club Reports that **Jon-Maria Marish**, who is the Club's monthly FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM Editor, has become the Club's new Secretary too. Last May 23, 2007, the Club held its 'George Flannigan White Elephant Auction' which earned the Club \$198.00, and was called by **Michael M. Stanley**, Auctioneer. Later, the Club gathered at Vacaville's Pietro's #1, for its 'Pizza Night'. Note: Due to changes with the Club's Secretary and Editor, there have been delays in processing mail received and responses. Here are two new contacts for the Club: 707-644-6232 with email at jm94533@aol.com. *Editor: Jon-Maria Marish, FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM*

Fremont Coin Club Held its 'Ice Cream Social' at its July 10, 2007 meeting with "Dorothy Galovich-Call and Chuck Call the scoop team, who handed-out many bowls of ice cream." As Fremont's DOUBLE EAGLE, **Matthew J. Hutchison**, reported "thanks to the scoop team, as well as those who brought their favorite toppings. I am still salivating just thinking about all that ice cream!" Later at the Club's July 24, 2007 meeting, **Michael S. Turrini** gave his '101+ Ways To Collect', "which included many items that are numismatically related, as clothing, media, membership cards, friends, books, drawing prizes won, RED BOOKS, and more." As part of his talk, he showed the First Edition, a unique proof edition, and autographed rare RED BOOKS. Earlier, at the Club's June 12, 2007 meeting, FCC President **Alistar Skinner** welcomed then two current American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governors: **Dr. Donald H. Kagin** and **Michael S. Turrini**, who at this meeting displayed the rare 1935 Waitangi Crown from New Zealand.

Editor: Matthew J. Hutchison, DOUBLE EAGLE

Fresno Numismatic Society Had a numismatic dignitary, described as man with "high caliber, of dignified eloquence, of unbowed devotion to the hobby" address its August 14, 2007 meeting, and that was **Randy Clifton**, who is both the Society's Secretary and Editor of its monthly FRESNO NUMISMATISTS. His topic was 'Key Date Coin Diagnostics', providing the audience with unique marks and identifications that cannot be reproduced by counterfeiting. Earlier on August 4, 2007, the Society gathered at **Art Frazier**'s home for its 'Annual BBQ': "plenty of food and fixings and lots of beverages. In addition to all the foods and festivities, we were serenaded by **Robert Fitzpatrick** singing and playing his guitar an array of songs ranging from the Beatles to Peter, Paul, and Mary to Hank Williams." The latter **Randy Clifton** stated that he "liked the best" Hank Williams, as he called among the FNS' 'numismatic coin counters' or 'numismatic patrons'.

Editor: Randy Clifton, FRESNO NUMISMATIST.

Liberty Numismatic Society

Well, Readers Here Is What NOT Happen: Your Assistant Editor was the intended speaker before the LNS' August 15, 2007 meeting; but, due to having just returned from the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) 'World's Fair of Money', he was unable to present his 'Ways To Collect'. So, Here Is What Might Have Happen: Taking items and artifacts from various collections and interests, this program presented alternatives 'to just filling holes in albums and stapling 2x2's into binder sheets'. A real coin hobbyist should seek to enhance their collecting by seeking 'go-withs', a term used by milk bottle collectors, who increase their enjoyment with things related to milk bottles. For a numismatist, these could be RED BOOKS, PNCs, wooden money, advertising checks, play money, membership cards, numismatic autographs, elongates, errors and freaks, numismatic literature, World Mint Passports, as obtained at the 'World's Fair of Money', club medals, and such. Participants as the Club's July 18, 2007, Show 'n Tell theme of 'Independence', and they were: **Chris Thompson, Ron Baughman, Dr. Regan Shea, Gene Hoy, Jim Rosen, and Mark Wm. Clark.** The most interesting seemed to be Ron Baughman with a "Mercury Dime found in a Central Valley sports adventure while he was looking for a 1877 Indian Head Cent."

Editor: DR. REGAN SHEA, untitled

Livermore Valley Coin Club

Gathered for its June 30, 2007 Summer Barbeque at the home of Steven and Sharon Kramer: "the food was good, the weather was perfect, and there was always something to talk about. The prize winners included On-Time to **Phil Fleschler**, Coin Toss, Adult category to **Grady Wilcox**, who has been practicing since last year, and the Gold drawing went to John Beebe, who was not present and the silver alternative was claimed by Steven 'So What If I Don't Win At Bingo' Kramer."

Editor: Tom J. Wallace, untitled

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Had a 'father-and-son team' speaking before its recent meetings. At the May 23, 2007 meeting, **Dr. Michael F. Wehner** spoke on 'Collecting Conder Tokens', with "a PowerPoint presentation about the token coinage used in Great Britain during the years 1789 to 1795, which are called 'Conder Tokens' here in the United States after an early cataloger, these tokens were made in response to a shortage of low denomination, minor coinage." At the July 25, 2007 meeting, **Elliot Wehner** presented an excellent review of English coinage during its Civil War and Commonwealth periods, titled 'Coinage of the English Revolution'. What is not well-known to American numismatists, the English had a civil war and revolt, over a century before the American Revolution. **Elliot** talked about the coinage issued during these turbulent years, during and after the reign of Charles I, who would be beheaded by the victorious Parliament forces in 1649: "in 1660, eleven years after the death of Charles I, Charles II, son of the executed King, was 'restored' to the throne by Parliament, a period of British history called 'The Restoration', and Kings and Queens have ruled without interruption to this present day." It should be noted that with this August 2007, **Elliot** "is off to college, Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland, and PCNS does wish him well." *Rumor:* His first college away experience was 'running-out of clean socks'!

Editor: Dr. Michael F. Wehner, PCNS BULLETIN

Peninsula Coin Club

Heard **Michael S. Turrini** at its June 11, 2007 with his 'Ways To Collect': "our June meeting featured Life Member 'Stan' Turrini talking about 'ways to collect'. It was a most entertaining talk where 'Stan' presented no less than sixty-seven (67) different items with numismatic connections that are collectible, and some extremely easily to obtain at little or no cost. His presentation here surpassed the fifty (50) items presented during similar talk at a recent Delta (Stockton) Coin Club meeting. A very informative talk, giving many examples of some things that we all may actually be subconsciously collecting, because these are connected to our hobby." Earlier, the April 9, 2007 meeting had a nice roundtable exchange and sharing with grading Morgan Dollars: "the Morgan Dollar grading program was a big success, and we will plan similar sessions in the future." *Looking*

Ahead: PCC would welcome **Michael S. Turrini** to do and to staff a 'Youth Table' November 9, 2007 Coin Show in San Jose, California.

Editor: Bruce Greenblatt, BULLETIN (?)

Redwood Empire Coin Club Held at its June 13, 2007 meeting 'Favorite Silver Coin Night' with these participants: **Gary Coomber, Don Murphy, Chris Nolen, John Lynch, Don Cooner, Larry Mochizuki, Jim Cauley, Curtis Smith, Charlie Betschart, Richard Wright, Richard Frampton, Glenn Coleman, Ann Nolen, Bob Anderson, Merle Avila, Charlie Catlett, and Harold Rose**, the latter "likes Morgans. He had a goal to obtain at least one hundred (100). He passed that goal, and then aimed for over one thousand (1000). He has also passed that goal, and will try to eventually own over two thousand five hundred (2500)." With his Show 'n Tell, **Charlie Betschart** shared "his 1993 Silver Eagle. He retired in 1993. At that time, he bought an American Silver Eagle. It has been in his pocket wherever he goes since, and it is practically worn smooth. He had the date punched on the coin for posterity sake." **Ann Nolen**, "who only joined the Club ten years ago, like 'animals on coins'. She was awaiting her latest addition(s) to come back with older son, who is traveling in Europe." Also, **Jim Cauley** had "an 1814/3 Half Dollar with die cracks. On closer inspection, he also noted that it was from a clashed die and that he was able to read 'Liberty' on the reverse eagle!"

Editor: Dr. Charles Catlett, untitled.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Had a full June 28, 2007 meeting, with Phil Asher presenting a nice program on 'Silver Rounds', which "he has a very nice collection", and **Stan Bowers, Ray Tisser, Marion Emil, and Penny Kkagenberg** "talked about how they stated collecting numismatics. They all had an interesting story." The SVCC's NEWSLETTER for June 2007 had a nice article, titled 'An American Legend', the story of the Philadelphia Mint's famous 19th Century 'Peter, The Eagle', its 'Mint Bird', written by **Lou Juricich**. For the July 2007 issue, **John Bither** did an article titled 'Toned Coins'. At the July 26, 2007, SVCC meeting, Past President **Jim Haggerty** on 'World Trade Dollars', using a slide-illustrated program loaned from the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).

Editor: Dr. Rodney W. Baker, THE SVCC NEWSLETTER

San Francisco Coin Club Heard your Assistant Editor at its July 27, 2007 meeting with his 'Twenty-Five (25) Things You Could Collect (or Now That I Have Completed My Series of Roosevelt Dimes, What Is Next?)' The program actually included more than twenty-five (25) suggestions and was enjoyed by all. At the Club's August 24, 2007, **John Jencek** presented a nice introductory Power Point program on 'Collecting Ancients', which was well-received and well-prepared. His program included an overview and links and information as to additional references, both in hardbound books and Websites. SFCC would welcome new members and invites CSNAers living in San Francisco or environs to attend and to learn more at its Fourth Wednesday evening meetings.

Editor: Mark. Wm. Clark, TWO CENTS WORTH

San Jose Coin Club *Sad News:* The SJCC reports that **Denis N. Hooker, Life Member #48**, passed away recently. He was a member of the Club since 1958 and served as its President in 1961 and 1962, and was inducted into the coveted San Jose Coin Club's Hall of Fame in 1986. The July 11, 2007 meeting heard young numismatist and SJCC Vice-President **Ryan Johnson** speak on 'Challenge Coins', which is "traced to World War I and the practice still goes on today." At this same meeting, the SJCC was also busy with its 'Hot Dog Night': "cook **Sally Johnson** brought in the condiments and prepared toppings for the hot dogs along with home made potato salad and cole slaw. **Ron Ishizaki** brought in homemade chili beans, and he also paid for the hot dog night, hoping to have Casper's hot dogs. Next time, **Ron**, we will have those Casper's!" In addition, there was a cake to celebrate **Ryan Johnson's** 17th birthday. *Happy Birthday, Ryan, Now A Senior In High School!* As reported earlier, the SJCC had joined the CCC for their Joint Annual Picnic last July 21, 2007 in Cupertino, California .Several SJCC members

were involved with this successful joint event, among them were **Ken Barr**, *Prizes*, **Al Lo** and **Keith Scott**, *Food*, **Ron Ishizaki** and **Rich Medefesser**, *Extra Tables, with the Set Crew of Martha and Fred Davis*, **Richard Shusterman**, **Lyle Okamoto**, **Herb Davidson**, **Howard Wheeler**, **Ray Niblett**, **Gary Acquistapace**, and **Ron Ishizaki**. Of course, Your Editor, who attended and enjoyed this annual event, was 'the loser', winning a can of barbecue lighter! *Kudos*: A special Presidential Medal Set was presented to **Ed Flemate** "for his hard work and dedication in helping to maintain the security at our Club's show when it was held at downtown San Jose, California's Parkside Hall, including spending the night with the security."

Editors: Ray and Sally Johnson, TODO DINERO

Stanislaus County Coin Club Heard SCCC member **Bob Samuel** on '*Collecting United States Currency*' at the SCCC's June 13, 2007 meeting: "Bob's presentation included some very interesting history surrounding the production of United States currency, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. His display board gave us a chronological walk through history, from Fractional Currency to the current Federal Reserve Notes, including some error notes. Great Job, **Bob**, You Have Some Really Nice Bills. Thanks!" At the SCCC's July 11, 2007 meeting, **Mark Garcia** gave a great presentation on '*Buying Key Date Coins*'. **Mark** recommends buying key dated coins first when putting together a new series. He also recommends purchasing these slabbed (NGC, PCGS, ANACS, and ICG) or from reputable dealers, because some key dates are notorious for being counterfeited. He also showed some nice slabbed examples from his own collection. Great Job, **Mark**. Thanks!"

Editor: unrecorded, THE GOLD STRIKE

Solano Silver Round Club Is in transition from its prior Secretary and Editor to a new appointments. Also, the Club's long-time meeting location has changed names and ownership, plus been renovated. Contacts to this Club should be via 707-642-0216, President **Harry W. Davis**.

Editor: unrecorded, SILVER NOTES

Vallejo Numismatic Society Held its Annual Renn Auction last July 2, 2007, to which \$867.00 was generated for the Society's Treasury from nearly one hundred eighty (180) donated lots and took two full hours to call by Auctioneers, **Michael M. Stanley** and **Michael S. Turrini**. Later, on Saturday, July 7, 2007, the VNS joined its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club, for their joint 'Joe Sirois Flyin' held at the Napa County Airport. At the VNS' August 1, 2007, it was 'Bingo Night' with these lucking winners for Silver Eagles: **Robert G. Sturn**, **Michael M. Stanley**, **Thomas Smith**, **Karen Smith**, **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Cody Terry**, **Dolores Mack**, **Jesse Desa**, **Dorothy Galovich-Call**, **Jan D. Henke**, and **Don Hill**. Recently, several VNS members have been honored and recognized. **Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale** is the name for scholarships presented by Hollywood screenwriter, Gregory Allen Howard, and this year, 2007, some \$24,000.00 was awarded to local Vallejo high schools graduating Seniors. Also, five VNS members----*all Life Members, too!*----were honored by the Canadian Numismatic Association's (CNA) out-going President **Charles D. Moore**, last July 14, 2007, with its '*President's Award*', and they were: **Lee H. Gong**, **Jim Majoros**, **Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.**, **Michael M. Stanley**, and **Michael S. Turrini**, who was elevated as a '*Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Association*', one of two Americans, to date, so honored.

Editor (Acting): Michael S. Turrini, THE BULLETIN

Visalia Coin Club Reports **Dennis Olswang** served and assisted absent President **Bill Terry** recently, and among CSNAers, **Dennis**, goes back many decades with an active involvement in our hobby. Also, former President **David Shankel** sent greeting and well-wishes to the Club, informing about his new home and job, which relocated him from Visalia. At the July 25, 2007, VCC member **Jim Webb** talked about his trip to the Philadelphia Mint.

Editor: unrecorded, untitled

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

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Sept. 9, 2007 **FAIRFIELD**. Fairfield Coin Club 18th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1100 East Kentucky at Pennsylvania in downtown Fairfield, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Bob Tedder @707-483-5283 or e mail: FCC-info@hughes.net

Oct. 13-4, 2007 **CONCORD**. Diablo Numismatic Society 11th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue at Diamond Boulevard, just off Freeway 680 in Concord. Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. e mail: greenwj@aol.com

Oct. 27, 2007 **VALLEJO**. CSNA Northern California 8th Annual Educational Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Host Club: Vallejo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428. Information: Phone (510) 547-0518 or (707) 246-6327. E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com

Oct. 27-8, 2007 **FRESNO**. Fresno Numismatic Society 61th Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727, Phone: 559-252-3845. (Admission \$1)

Nov. 11, 2007 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 28th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com

Feb. 1-3, 2008 **SAN JOSE**. San Jose 40th Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, The Pavilion, Santa Clara County Fair Grounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Information: John Sarti, (408) 910-7654 or E Mail: wheatcoinman@yahoo.com Also: See web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission \$3.

Feb. 24, 2008 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 36th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga, Phone (408) 839-1883 or E Mail: BruceBraga1@AIM.com Cupertino Coin Club, P. O. Box 448, Cupertino, Ca. 95015. Admission: \$2, Youth 17 and under free.

May 4, 2008 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 36th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or (510) 547-0518 or E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com

Nov. 9, 2008 SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 29th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com

DENIS N. HOOKER 1920-2007

It has fallen onto my shoulder to write this eulogy for the late **Denis N. Hooker**, who passed away last July 15, 2007, in San Jose, California.

Immediately, the response is 'Denis Who'? This is natural, because Denis belongs to a different time and, in fact, and a different generation of most current NCNA members. Furthermore, except a very few, including the current Executive Officers, there might not be many, if any it would seem, who could answer 'Denis Who?'

But, in a time and age remote from our presence here, Denis was our Association. He founded and charted our Association in his birth months of June and August 1961, presided and directed at its initial gatherings, in San Jose, California, which beget our Association. He would be our First President, 1961-1963 and later return during the great celebrations of our Silver Jubilee as President in 1986-1987, and from 1969 through 1990, he was the towering Bourse Coordinator, during those legendary 'Jack Tar' and later renamed 'Cathedral Hill Hotel' shows, the shows that were once a mainstay and mandatory stop on the national coin show circuit.

Under Denis' leadership within one year of our Association's founding, it was hosting the first of many of those legendary shows at the aforementioned 'Jack Tar' and renamed 'Cathedral Hill Hotel'. In fact, the shows immediately became the gigantic events and even had national auctions and major attractions.

Denis always argued----*and Your Editor is witness to this*----that our Association and its shows need to attract "the seldom seen coin dealer from elsewhere around the United States and even foreign countries", and any reading of the bourse during those golden years of the 1960s through the late 1980s would confirm that fact.

Denis always also argued that NCNA must be a leader in the hobby, even if his primary interest was the show's bourse. One fact for this judgment is what you are reading now; he was an early and consistent advocate for NCNA HEADS AND TALES, and in 1986 when our Association programmed the grand and glorious Silver Jubilee and the still-remembered open forum of 'Numismatics Into The 21st Century', he was its staunchest supporter.

Speaking of that legendary gathering in September 1986, Denis demanded the Association's Board of Directors match the show's involvement with real funding for its publicity. I, as the Publicity Coordinator, was given an unheard and still yet to be repeated and may never be exceed publicity budget of \$10,000.00! Yes, \$10,000.00! There was no opposition, for Denis wanted what was needed to make that and any NCNA show a success. When I proposed the expansive activities for that grand and glorious gathering twenty-one years ago, all he endorsed and promoted. We spent. Any reading of NCNA HEADS AND TALES in 1986 or Edward Sin's monumental history issued that year would confirm.

You see, for Denis, NCNA was only to do and to have the best.

Later, he would, without any anger or argument, quietly withdraw from our Association, which for three decades had been his life. My last meeting and mingling with him was in 2001, when he attended the Association's Nor-Cal Show in Concord, California on the occasion of our

Fortieth (40th) Anniversary. Our celebrations then were much smaller and simple. Times had changed, and maybe the spark that Denis could ignite had died.

As can be read, Denis remained in the years 1978 through 1990 or thereabouts an eager enthusiast of most any idea that I could suggest. The only criteria was would it make our Association better.

A professional pawnbroker, Ace Loan, for decades and a native of Iowa as well as a youthful actor and dancer plus Coast Guard veteran, Denis was often in those golden decades closely allied with his equally well-known, and golf passionate, wife, the late Lillian Hooker, famous for her hats. They had one daughter, Nancy, who once said her father had but one rule: "make a clear statement of the rules, and back it up with action."

On a personal note, my remembrances of Denis was that he dressed causally but always professionally, was always pleasant, got to the point in discussions, and encouraged others, as myself, 'to step to the plate'. Serving an elected office was not really what he wanted; serving our Association was what he wanted.

There are those personal recollections that can also say something about Denis. I remember one NCNA Board of Director's meeting; he was folding a Greyhound Bus ticket into his pocket. I asked why, and he said simply that Lillian and his daughter, after the meeting were going to a play, which did not interest him. So, they would drop him off at the long-gone 7th Street San Francisco, California Greyhound station, and he would ride the bus back to San Jose.

Surprisingly, and maybe in testimony to his modesty, Denis never received many accolades in his life. His profession honored him as the '*Pawnbroker of the Year*' back in 1993, and the San Jose Coin Club, of which he did serve a single term as President, 1961-1962, inducted him into its esteemed '*Hall of Fame*' in 1986, something that he more than once spoke of fondly and respectfully. Our Association, at last, honored him with its coveted '*Miller Medal*' just a few months before his passing.

In closing, this eulogy should not be a summary of his life or reminiscences of old memories; there should be a legacy for us and to those who ask 'Denis Who?'

The first legacy is this NCNA----our *Northern California Numismatic Association*----and its once commanding presence on the national numismatic scene.

But, there is another legacy, one that can be a lesson.

It is this Scripture passage from Proverbs, which could serve as his final testimony: "*Good Men Must Die, But Death Cannot Kill Their Names*".

As long as there is a Northern California Numismatic Association, Denis N. Hooker's name and NCNA shall always remain synonymous.

----Michael S. Turrini
September 1, 2007